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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
Richard A. Ales, et al.

Serial No.: 10/518,337

Filed: December 15, 2004

For: **ULTRASONIC TESTING OF  
FITTING ASSEMBLY**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 24, 2006, Applicants hereby respond as follows. The shortened period for response expired January 24, 2007, accordingly Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$450.00 for the extension of time is enclosed herewith. The extended due date for this response therefore is March 24, 2007. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172, order number 22188/06938.**